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1. FOLLOWING TRANSMITS TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE RELEASED AT
END OF COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING MAY 6. EMBASSY
COMMENT ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF COMMUNIQUE WILL BE SUBMITTED
IN SEPTELS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

FOLLOWING IS THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE
COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING

" COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MET IN KINGSTON FROM 29 APRIL
TO 6 MAY. ALL COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED, TWENTY-
EIGHT BY THEIR PRESIDENTS OR PRIME MINISTERS. THE PRIME MINISTER
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OF JAMAICA WAS IN THE CHAIR

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"THIS WAS THE FIRST HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING TO BE HELD
IN THE CARIBBEAN. HEADS OG GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED THEIR GRATITUDE
TO COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENTS AND INPARTICULAR TO THE
PRIME MINISTER OF JAMAICA FOR THE WARM HOSPITALITY PROVIDED
BY HIS GOVERNMENT

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT EXTENDED A CORDIAL GREETING TO THE PRIME
MINISTER OF GREANADA WHOSE COUNTRY HAD BECOME A MEMBER OF THE
COMMONWEALTH SINCE THE PREVIOUS MEETING. THE AFFIRMED THAT A
REQUEST FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA FOR COMMONWEALTH MEMBERSHIP ON
THE ATTAINMENT OF ITS INDEPENDENCE WOULD BE WELCOMED.

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT PAID TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE NORMAN
KIRK, PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND, AND RECALLED WITH RESPECT
AND AFFECTION HIS DEP AND PRACTICAL CONCERN FOR HUMANITY AND
HIS OUTSTANDING PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE MODER COMMONWEALTH
"HEADS OF GOVERNMETNT REAFFIRMED THE VALUE THEY ATTACH THESE
MEETINGS AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH
AND MUTUAL CONFIDENCE OF THEIR DELIBERATIONS.

"THEY NOTED WITH APPROVALTHE INCREASING USE BEING MADE OF
COMMONWEALTH MACHINERY TO FURTHER PRINCIPLES OF THE COMMONWEALTH
DECLARATION AND TO PROMOTE CONSULTATION, CO-OPEATION AND COLLA-
BORATIVE ACTION ACROSS AND WITH IN REGIONS

"SUCH CONSULTATION FOMRMED AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE CONTRIBUTION
COMMONEWEALTH COUNTRIES MAKE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PATTERN
OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WHICH TAKES ACCOUNT OF THE SIGNIFICANT
SHIFTS IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POWER

HARMONY

HEADS OF GOVERNMENT URGED THAT THE COMMONEAWEALTH INITIATIVES
ALREADY TAKEN TO THIS END SHOULD BE INTENSIFIED SO AS TO PROMOTE
PEACE ANS ECURITY ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HARMONY
AMONG RACES."THE REDUCTION OF CONTINUING UNACCEPTABLE CONOMIC
DISPARITIES, THE SHIFTING BALANCE OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
POWER, AND COLONIALISM AND RACIALISM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA,
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WERE THE MAIN PREOCCUPATIONS OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT IN THEIR
DISCUSSIONS

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT RECALLED THE STATEMENT IN THE DECLARATION
OF COMMONWEALTH PRINCIPLES: 'WE BELIEVE THAT THE WIDE DISPARITIES IN
WEALTH NOW EXISTING BETWEEN DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF MANKIND ARE
TOO GREAT TO BE TOLERATED', AND PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO DO ALL
IN THEIR POWER TO PROMOTE A NEW AND EQUITABLE ECONOMIC

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WORLD AND COMMONWEALTH TRENDS

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT REVIEWED POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WORLD WHICH HAD OCCURRED SINCE THEY LAST MET IN THE LIGHT OF THE VARIED INTERESTS AND CONCERNS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES. THEY ACKNOWL-EDGED THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE SPIRIT OF DETENTE TO A MEASURE OF RELAXATION IN INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS AND CALLED FOR ITS UNIVERSAL APPLICATION.

"THEY NOTED,HOWEVER, THAT THERE WERE SOME CRISIS AREAS IN THE WORLD WHERE PEACE AND STABILITY WERE NOT YET SECURED AND WHICH WERE STILL SUBJECT TO SUPER POWER RIVALRY AND INTERFERENCE. THE
Y
STRESSED THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND STABILITY COULD NOT BE LEFT TO ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE SUPER POWER, BUT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT LAID PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH TO MAKE A CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE

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PROBLEMS OF SOUTH AFRICA AND UNDERLINED THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY
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OF COMMONWEALTHMEMBER COUTNTRIES TO WORK TOGETHER IN THE
SEARCH FOR A RESOLUTIN OF THE SITUATION IN RHODESIA

DISARMAMENT

HEADS OF GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN AT THE CONTINUED TESTING
AND PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND REAFFICRMED THE NEED
FOR URGENT MEASURES TO FACILITATE A COMPRESHENSIVE BAN ON ALL
NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS AS ONE ESSENTIAL STEP TOWARDS GENERAL
AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER EFFECTIVE STEP INTERNATIONAL
CONTROL

CYPRUS
"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER THE CONTINUATION OF
THE CYPRUS CRISIS, EXPRESSED THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE GOVERN-
MENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AND THEIR DETERMINATION TO HELP IN
THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT BASED ONTHE INDEPENDENCE,
SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRAITY AND NON-ALIGNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS.
"THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION
3212 (XXIX) AND SECURITY COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION 365 (1974)
AND 367 (1975) AND IN PARTICULAR THEY CALLED FOR THE SPEEDY
WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN ARMED FORCES FROMTHE REPUBLIC OF
CYPRUS, FOR THE TAKING OF URGENT MEASURES FOR THE RETURN
OF ALL REFUGEES TO THEIR HOMES IN SAFETY AND FOR CONTINUED
EFFORTS THROUGH THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS TO REACH FREELY AND
MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT
".THEY NOTED THE SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF
CYPRUS APPROACHED THE RESUMTPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL
TALKS UNDER THE PERSONAL AUSPICES AND DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THESE
WOULD BE FRUITFUL.
"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AS A CONCRETE EXPRESSION OF THEIR INTEREST
AND CONCERN FOR A FELLOW COMMONWEALTH COUNTRY AGREED TO ESTABLISH A
COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
AUSTRALIA, BRITAIN, GUYANA , INDIA, KENYA, MALTA, NIGERIA
AND ZAMBIA TO MEET WITH THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL AS
EARLY AS POSSIBLE, TOFOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING CYPRUS, MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS AND ASSIT IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY TOWARDS THE EARLY
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED UNITED NATIONS
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MIDDLE EAST

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE RENEWED DANGER
OF CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THEY REEMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF ADURABLE PEACE IN THE AREA AS A MATTER OF
URGENCY AND URGED ALL PARTIES TO RENEW THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE
THIS OBJECTIVE.
"TO THIS END HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR
FOR THE RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS ON THE
MIDDLE EAST AND THEIR BELIEF THAT TO ENSURE SUCCESS IT WAS NECESSARY
THAT THE AUTHENTIC AND LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PALES-
TINIAN PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN THE FORTHCOMING PEACE NEGOTIATIONS
IN GENEVA.

INDIAN OCEAN

"NOTING THAT THE INDIAN WAS A REGION OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO
AS SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF COMMONEWEALTH COUNTRIES, HEADS OF
GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMED THE DESIRABILITY OF ENSURING THAT IT RE-
MAINED AN AREA OF PEACE AND STABILITY. SERIOUS CONCERN WAS
EXPRESSED ABOUT THE INCREASE IN NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE INDIAN
OCEAN AREA ON THE PART OF THE GREAT POWERS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT
AND EXPANSION THERE OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.
"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT CALLED UPON ALL NATIONS AND PARTICULARLY
THE GREAT POWERS MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED TO WORK TOWARDS THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARING
THE INDIAN OCEAN A ZONE OF PEACE. GERARD

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SOUTH ASIA
"THE HEADS OF GOVERMNMENT NOTED THAT POSITIVE STEPS HAD
BEEN TAKEN IN THE PROCESS OF NORMALISATION AMONG THE COUNTRIES
OF THE SOUTH ASIAN SUBCONTINENT. HOWEVER, THEY EXPRESSED THEIR
GRAVE CONCERN AT THE IMPEDIMMENT TO NORMALISATION OF RELATIONS
POSED BY CERTAIN OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS RESULTING IN THE AGGRAVATION
OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIP AND THE RETARDATION OF THE PROCESS OF NATIONAL
RECONSTRUCTION IN BANGLADESH. THESE PROBLEMS INCLUDE THE
REPATRIATION OF NATIONALS AND THE SHARING OF ASSETS.
"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE PROBLEMS
WILL BE RESOLVED EXPEDITIOUSLY AND SATISFACTORILY THROUGH DIS-
CUSSIONS AMONG THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED IN THE LARGER INTEREST
OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION.

INDO-CHINA

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WELCOMED THE END OF THE PROLONGED WAR IN
INDO-CHINA, URGED COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO TO CONTRIBUTE TO
INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE URGENT TASKS OR REHABILTATION
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AND RECONSTRUCTIN AND LOOKED FORWARD TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF
THE REGION PLAYING THEIR FULL PART IN THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS.

THE CARIBBEAN

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT STRONGLY REAFFIRMED THE RIGHT OF PEOPLE
IN EACH COUNTRY TO CHOOSE THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT WHICH THEY
CONSIDERED BEST ABLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
GOASL.
BELIZE
"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OFFERED THEIR FULL SUPPORT FOR THE ASPIR-
ATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE FOR EARLY INDEPENDECNCE. NOTING
THAT TALKS HAD RECENTLY BEEN RESUMED WITH GUATEMALA AND BEARING
IN MIND THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF BRITAIN AS THE ADMIN-
ISTERING POWER. HEADS O GOVERNMENT URGED THE PARTIES TO
TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION FOR A SPEEDY SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM,
WHICH COULD BE ENDORSED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THROUGH
THE UNITED NATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEPRINCIPLE OF THSELF-
DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES AS ENSHIRINED IN THE CHARTER OF THE
UNITED NATIONS

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CUBA
"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ALL COUNTRIES
WOULD NOW NORMALIZE THEIR RELATIONS WITH CUBA AND RESTRICT
THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THAT STATE AND THE
RIGHT OF ITS PEOPLE TO THE GOVERMENT OF THEIR CHOICE

SOUTHERN AFRICA
"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT HAD A THOROUGH AND CONSTRUCTIVE
DISCUSSION OF THE CHANGING SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ITS
IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH. THEY CONSIDERED THAT THE
IMMINENT INDEPENDENCE OF MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA HAD RADICALLY
ALTERED THE BALANCE OF FORCES IN THE AREA AND TRIBUTES WERE
PAID TO THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED SO DECISIVELY
OT THIS RESULT.
"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT REEMPHASIZED THAT THE OBJECTIVE FOR RHODESIA
WAS INDEPENDENCE ON THE BASIS OF MAJORITY RULE. THEY WELCOMED
THE INITIATIVES TAKEN BY HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA, TAN-
ZANIA AND ZAMBIA AND THE PRESIDENT OF FRELIMO TO ACHIEVE THIS
OBJECTIVE BY PEACEFUL MEANS IF POSSIBLE.
"THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, MEETING INFORMALLY, HEARD A STATEMENT
BY BISHOP MUZOREWA, PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL
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COUNCIL. THE MEETING NOTED THAT THE NATIONALIST MOVEMENT NOW
UNITED IN THE AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL WAS SEEKING WITH SINCERITY
AND DETERMINATION THE BAIS FOR AN AGREED SETTLEMENT.
"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMED THEIR TOTAL SUPPORT FOR THE
STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE FOR INDEPENDENCE ON THE
BASIS OF MAJORITY RULE AND PLEDGED TO CONCERT THEIR EFFORTS FOR
THE SPEEDY ATTAIMENT OF THIS OBJECTIVE. THEY TOOK NOTE OF THE
DETERMINATION OF THE AFRICAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS, SUPPORTED BY
AFRICAN AND OTHER STATES, TO ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVE BY PEACE-
FUL MEANS IF POSSIBLE AND RECOGNISED THE INEVITABILITY OF
INTENSIFIED ARMED STRUGGLE SHOULD PEACEFUL AVENUES BE BLOCKED
BY THE RACIST AND ILLEGAL REGIME. THE MORAL RESPONSIBILITIES
IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD LIE WITH THE MINORITY GOVERNMENT
AND THOSE WHO HAD SHOSEN TO SUSTAIN IT.
"THE MEETING NOTED THAT SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUES TO SUPPORT
THE REBEL GOVERNMENT BY AFFORDING IT THE MILITARY AND ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE ON WHICH ITS SURVIVAL DEPENDS AND REAFFIRMED THEIR
VIEW THAT SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD FULFIL ITS INTER-NADATORY
SANCTIONS AND WITHDRAW ITS FORCES FROM RHODESIA.
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SANCTIONS

"IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR A SETTLEMENT WOULD BE
GREATLY ENHANCED BY THE STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF SANCTIONS BY THE
INTETERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. HEADS OF GOVERNMENT UNDER-
TOOK TO BRING THIS CONSIDERATION TO THE ATTENTION OF GOVERNMENTS
OUTSIDE THE COMMONWEALTH IN IN RENEWED REPRESENTATIONS WHERE
A BREACH OF SANCTIONST THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL FOR THE REINFORCE-
MENT AND EXTENSION OF SANCTIONS.
"IN CONSIDERING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH SANCTIONS
COMMITTEE AND AUTHORISING THE COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE ITS WORK.
HEADS OF GOVERNMENT EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING IMM-
DIATE PRACTICAL STEPS TO ASSIST AN INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE IN
APPLYING SANCTIONS SINCE THE GREAT BULK OF RHODESIA'S EXPORTS
AND IMPORTS IS DEPENDENT OSLY IN FAVOUR OF PROVIDING IMMEDIATE
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE. THEY
ALSO ENDORSED THE RECOMMENDATION THAT AN INITIATIVE SHOULD BE
TAKEN BY COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS TO
ESTABLISH A PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE FOR MAZAMBIQUE IN TERMS
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"HEADS OF GOVERNMETNT WERE DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT SOUTH AFRICA
CONTINTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL
AND THE ADVISORY OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE
OF JUNE 1971 AND IN DEFIANCE OF WORLD OPINION.
"RE-AFFIRMING THAT FRAGMENTATION OF NAMIBIA WAS UNACCEPTABLE, THEY
RECALLED THE OBLIGATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO MAIN-
TAIN THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE TERRITORY AND THE RIGHT
OF ITS PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE.
"THE MEETING LOOKED FORWARD TO THE TIME WHEN THE GOVERNMENT AND
PEOPLE OF NAMBIA MIGHT BE WELCOMED INTO THE COMMONWEALTH,
IF THAT WERE THEIR WISH.
"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMED THEIR TOTAL AND UNEQUIVOCAL
CONDEMNATION OF APARTHEID AND ALL FORMS OF RACIALIS. THEY WEL-
COMED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DECISION IFNISALE OF ARMS TO
SOUTH AFRICAN AND TO TERMINATE THE SIMONSTOWN AGREEMENT.

"THEY CONDEMENED THE VIOLATION OF THE EMBARGO BY THOSE
COUNTRIES WHICH CONTINUE TO SUPPLY ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA OR ENABLE
THEM TO MANUFACTURED IN THAT COUNTRY. NOTING THE ALARMING INC-
CREASE IN SOUTH AFRICA'S DEFENCE EXPENDITURE. HEADS OF GOVETHIS
MILITARY BUILD-UP WAS BOUND TO INCREASE TENSION IN AN AREA
ALREADY PLAGUED BY DANGEROUSCONFLICT. HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ALSO
AGREED TO MAINTAIN AND INTENSIFY EFFECTIVE PRESSUE ON SOUTH
ARICA IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE ELIMINATION OF APARTHEID.

ASSISTANCE
"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT REITRTERATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF SOUTHER AFRICA
IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE.
SEVERAL HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DESCRIBED THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO
VARIOUS BILATERAL AND MULTI-LATERAL PROGRAMMES AND INDICATED THEIR
INTENTION TO INCREASE SUCH ASSISTANCE.
"THE MEETING ALSO NOTED WITH APPROVAL THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
SPECIAL COMMONWEALTH PROGRAMME FOR ASSISTING THE EDUCATION
OF RHODESIAN AFRICANS AND INDICATED THEIR DESIRE TO EXPAND
THIS PROGRAMME TO MEET NEW AND URGENT NEEDS.
"IN PARTICULARHEADS OF GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANCE
OF EXTENDING THE VARIETY OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS
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ON TECHNICAL AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, 'IN SERVICE' EXPERIENCE
AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT COMMONWEALTH
MULTI-LATERAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE MADE AVIILABLE TO HELP IN
THE DEVELOPMENTAL AND TRAINING NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF
NAMIBIA. GERARD

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ECONOMIC MATTERS

" COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THE NEED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TOWRARDS THE CREATION OF A RATIONAL AND EQUITABLE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER

" THEY RE-AFFIRMED THE STATEMENT INCLUDED IN THE COMMONWEALTH DECLARATION ADOPTED IN SINGAPORT IN 1971 THAT 'THE WIDE DIS-PARITIES OF WEALTH NOW EXISTING BETWEEN DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF MANKIND ARE TOO GREAT TO BE TOLERATED . . .OUR AIM IS THEIR PROGRESSIVE REMOVAL', AND ACKNOWLEDDGED THE COMPLEXITY, RANGE AND INTER-RELATED NATURE OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED.

"THEY AGREED THAT A SMALL GROUP OF EXPERTS SHOULD BE INVITED TO DRAW UP FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE, A COMPRE-HENSIVE AND INTER-RELATED PROGRAMME OF PRACTICAL MEASURES DIRECTED AT CLOSING THE GAP BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR COUNTRIES
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" THESE MASURES WOUDL BE DESIGNED TO RPROMOTE DEVELOPMENT AND TO INCREASE THE TRANSFER OF REAL RESOURCES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INTER ALIA IN THE AREAS OF PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION AND EXCHANGE OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PRODUCTS AS WELL AS SERVICES. HEADS OF GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANCE IN THIS CONTEXT OF OF CO-OPERATING TO ACHIEVE AN EXPANDING WORLD ECONOMY AND WORLD TRADEAM

"THE GROUP OF EXPERTS SHOULD BE SELECTED FROM THE COMMONWEALTH ON THE BASIS OF THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITITIES AND THEIR EXPERT KNOWLEDGE OF CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS I OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SHOULD BE ASSEMBLED IN A WAY WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE PERSPECTIVES OF DIFFERENT REGIONS OF THE COMMON-WEALTH AND DIFFERENT NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES TO BE BROUGHT TO ZXAR ON THE PROBLEMS ONCERNED.

"THE GROUP OF EXPERTS SHOULD ADDRESS ITSELF TO THE ISSUES AND PROPOSAL ELABORATED IN:

(I) THE DELCLARATIONAND THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ES-TABLISHMENT OF ANEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AS ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND

(II) THE RELEVANT PRINCIPLES OF THE COMMONWEALTH DECLARATION ADOPTED IN SINGAPORE IN 1971; AND

(III) THE CONCEPTS AND PROPOSALS ADVANCED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION AT THE KINGSTON MEETING HEADS OF GOVERNMENT INCLUDING THE PREESENTATIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA ON BEHALF OF THE CARIBBEAN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITAIN.

"IN DRAWING UP A PROGRAMME OF PRACTICAL MEASURES THE GROUP SHOULD PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO:

(I) MEASURES TO TRANSFER REAL RESOURCES FROM DEVELOPED TO DEVEL-OPING COUNTRIES THROUGHT INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN PRIMARY COMMODITIES WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE INTEGRATED COMMODITIES PROGRAMME RECOMMENDED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF UNCTAD, UNCLASSIFIED

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CURRENT PROPOSALS OF BUFFER STOCKS FOR INDEXATION, AND OTHER RELEVANT PROPOSALS, INCLUDING THE PROPOSAL FOR A GENERAL AGREEMENT ON COMMODITIES.

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(II) MEASURES WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CAN INTRODUCE
FOR ASSISTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (A) TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION:
(B) TO PROMOTE RURAL DEVELOPMENT; (C) TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC CO-
OPERATION AMONG THEMSELVES AT THE SUB REGIONAL, INTRA-REGIONAL AND
INTER-REGIONAL LEVELS; AND (D) A REVIEW OF EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS
FOR INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT. (E) TO OBTAIN GREATER
CONTROL OVER AND BENEFITS FROM, SUCH ACTIVITIES AS SHIPPING, INSURANC
E,
BANKING AND OTHER PARTS OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR INTERANTIONAL TRADE
AND DEVELOPMENT.

(III) PROGRAMMES FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT INVOLVING NEW AND
EXPANDED FORMS OF INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, THE ENLARGEMENT OF EMPLOYME
NT
OPPORTUNITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND MORE FAVOURABLE ACCESS TO
THE MARKETS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES;

(IV) A REVIEW OF EXISTING ORGANISATIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL
COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT;

(V) MECHANISMS FOR INCREASING THE FLOW OF LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT
FUNDS, THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND THE TRANSFER OF REAL RESOURCES
TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ; AND

(VI) REFORM AND WHERE NECESSARY THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE INTERNATION
AL
INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE
AND FINANCE, AND WHETHER MEANS COULD BE FOUND TO INCREASE THE EFFECTI
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SHARE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS
OF THE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. GERARD

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"IN ALL OF THE ABOVE MATTERS DUE REGARD WOULD BE PAID TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED , LAND-LOCKED, THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED, AND ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES WITH LIMITED NATURAL RESOURCES.

"IN DRAWING UP ITS RECOMMENDATIONS THE GROUP OF EXPERTS SHOULD CONSIDER THE FEASIBILITY OF UTILISING RELEVANT CONCEPTS AND MECHANISMS EMBODIED IN RECENT ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN CERTAIN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

"THE GROUP OF EXPERTS SHOULD CONSIST OF NOT MORE THAN TEN PERSONS.

"THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP SHOULD BE APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AFTER CONSULTATION WITH MEMBER GOVERNMENTS.

REPORT

"THE GROUP SHOULD AIM AT SUBMITTING TO GOVERNMENTS AND INTERIM REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF ITS WORK INDICATING MEASURES WHICH ARE AMENABLE TO EARLY AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION IN TIME TO PERMIT DISCUSSION OF THIS REPORT AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMON-
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WEALTH MINISTERS AND TO ENABLE GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE THIS REPORT INTO ACCOUNT BEFORE THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

"IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE GROUP WILL ENDEAVOUR TO HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING BY THE END OF MAY OR EARLY IN JUNE.

"IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL-ELECT SHOULD BE ASSOCIATED AT AS EARLY A STAGE AS POSSIBLE WITH THE WORK OF THE GROUP
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"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT APPOINTED MR. ALISTER MCINTYRE, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY, CHAIRMAN OF THE EXPERT GROUP.

LOME CONVENTION

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WELCOMED THE CONCLUSION OF THE LOME CONVENTION DRAWN UP BY THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND FORTY-SIX COUNTRIES OF AFRICA, THE CARIBBEAN AND THE PACIFIC. THEY WELCOMED TH
E
INCREASED COOPERATION WITHIN THE CONVENTION BETWEEN COMMONWEALTH AND NON-COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES IN THESE AREAS.

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"THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING
THE LOME CONVENTION WOULD USEFULLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPM
ENT
OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EEC AND OTHER INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES, ON
THE ONE HAND, AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE ASIAN AND OTHER
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES, ON THE OTHER.

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WELCOMED THE VALUABLE SUPPORT WHICH THE
SECRETARIAT IS GIVING TO COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES IN THE MULTILATERIAL
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

FOOD PRODUCTION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DISCUSSED THE REPORT OF THE COMMONWEALTH
MINISTERIAL MEETING ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, HELD IN
LONDON IN MARCH 1975. THEY WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY IT HAD PROVIDED
TO CONSIDER IN A COMMONWEALTH SETTING THE PROBLEMS OF THE THREE QUART
ERS
OF THE PROULATION OF COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO LIVE IN
RURAL AREAS.

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ENDORSED THE VIEW THAT THE PROBLEMS OF RURAL
DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD PRODUCTION SHOULD BE ATTACKED IN AN INTEGRATED
MANNER AND SHOULD RECEIVE HIGH PRIORITY FROM INDIVIDUAL
GOVERNMENTS AND AID AGENCIES.

"THEY STRESSED THE NEED FOR AID-PROVIDING AGENCIES TO ADAPT THEIR
PRACTICES AND PROGRAMMES TO MEET THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF FOOD PRODUCTION
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND ENDORSED THE POPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A FOOD
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PRODUCTION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT.
THE NEW DIVISION WOULD ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SECRETARIATS
ALREADY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THIS SECTOR AND SHOULD
BE ESSENTIALLY ACTION-ORIENTATED.

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT EMPHASIZED THE SETBACK TO AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTION WHICH HAS RESULTED FROM SCARCITY AND HIGH PRICES OF
FERTILIZER, AND WELCOMED EFFORTS IN THE COMMONWEALTH AND ELSEWHERE,
TO SECURE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF FERTILIZER AT REDUCED COSTS. THEY
ALSO CALLED FOR SIMILAR EFFORTS WITH RESPECT TO FARM MACHINERY,
FEED STUFFS AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL INPUTS.

DDROUGHT AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTER

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZED THE VALUE OF THE COMMONWEALTH
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AS A FORUM IN WHICH TO CONSULT AND CONCERT BROAD STRATEGIES FOR ACTIO
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IN THE SAHELIAN ZONE OF AFRICA AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTER AREAS
AND ENDORSED THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING
ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT THAT COMMONWEALTH ACTION
SHOULD SUPPLEMENT ACTION TAKEN BY WORLD BODIES.

INDUSTRUAL DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION
"IN UNDERLINING THE IMPORTANCE OF INCREASING AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTION, HEADS OF GOVERNMENT STRESSED THE PARALLEL AND RELATED
NEEDS TO ACCELERATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRY AND ENDORSED THE
EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY BETWEEN
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.
"IN THIS CONTEXT, THEY STRESSED THE NEED FOR MEASURES
TO PROMOTE THE PROCESSING OF PRIMARY COMMODITIES IN THEIR PLACES OF
ORIGIN AND THE REMOVAL OF BARRIERS TO TRADE IN PROCESSED PRIMARY
COMMODITIES AND OTHER MANUFACTURED GOODS.
"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT STRESSED THEIR CONCERN TO ENSURE
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THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS CONFORM WITH THE
POLICIES OF HOST GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR GOALS
FOR AN EQUITABLE REDISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH. THEY NOTED THE WORK DONE
ON

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MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS BY THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT AND BY BODIES IN THE UN SYSTEM. THEY AGREED ON THE NEED FOR COUNTRIES TO BUILD UP THEIR CAPABILITIES TO DEAL WITH MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AFFIRMED THE NEED FOR ALL COUNTRIES WITH THE CAPACITY TO DO SO, TO MAINTAIN AND, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, INCREASE THE FLOW OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS. THEY SHOULD ALSO PROMOTE THE RAPID INDUSTRIALISATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

COMMONWEALTH FUND FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMED THEIR CONVICTION THAT MUTUAL HELP AND SHARED RESPONSIBILITY WERE ESSENTIAL ELEMNTS IN COMMONWEALTH COOPERATION. THEY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE EXPANSI ON
AT THE COMMONWEALTH FUND FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION IN THE FOUR YEARS SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT. NOTED WITH APPROVAL ITS FLEXIBILITY AND ITS CAPACITY TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO THE REQUESTS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES AND COMMENTED FAVOURABLY ON ITS SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT.

"RECOGNISING THE NEED FOR THE FUNDS RESOURCES TO KEEP PACE WITH THE EXPANDING REQUIREMENTS OF COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS, HEADS OF GOVERNMENT NOTED WITH APPRECIATION THE STEADY GROWTH IN SUPPORT FO R
THE FUND AND WELCOMED THE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED PLEDGES MADE BY DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING MEMBER COUNTRIES.
" THEY NOTED THE INTENTION EXPRESS BY A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS TO INCREASE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND HOPED THAT FURTHER INCREASES WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENT BANK

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT NOTED THE STUDIES ORGANISED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AT THE REQUEST OF THE 1974 MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH
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FINANCE MINISTERS, ON THE FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY AND THE NEED FOR THE SERVICES OF A COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENT BANK ALONG THE LINES PROPOSED BY A COMMONWEALTH EXPERT GROUP.
"THEY CONCLUDED THAT A NUMBER OF ISSUES STILL REQUIRED DISCUSSION BEFORE THE PROPOSAL COULD BE PUT TO GOVERNMENTS FOR A FINA L
DECISION. THEY REQUESTED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CONVENE A COMMITTE E
OF COMMONWEALTH OFFICIALS TO PREPARE A DETAILED AND SPECIFIC PROPOSAL, ADDRESSING ITSELF TO THE UNRESOLVED ISSUES WHICH MUST BE FACED IF SUCH AN INSTITUTION IS TO BE SET UP. THIS COMMITTEE SHOULD

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COMMONWEALTH SCHIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

"NOTING THE CURCIAL IMPORTANCE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN PROMOTING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WELCOME
THE PROPOSAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE FOR AN ENLARGED PROGRAMME OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS AND FOR THE CLOSER INTEGRATION OF ITS ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT. THEY EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT ATTENTION SHOULD
BE GIVEN TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS IN THE ENLARGED PROGRAMME.

COMMONWEALTH YOUTH PROGRAMME

"RECOGNISING THAT THE PROULATIONS OF ALL COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES INCLUDED A SIGNIFICANT AND INCREASING NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHOSE TALENTS AND POTENTIAL OUGHT TO BE FULLY UTILISED IN MEET

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OF GOVERNMENT NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE PROGRESS WHICH HAD BEEN MAD
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IN THE SHORT TIME SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH
PROGRAMME AND AGREED THAT THE PROGRAMME SHOULD BE EXTENDED
BEYOND 1976.

BRAIN DRAIN

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGED THE CONCERN EXPRESSED
OVER THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH BRAIN DRAIN AND AGREED THAT
THERE WAS AN URGENT NEED FOR PRACTICAL MEASURES TO REDUCE THESE
DIFFICULTIES BEING EXPERIENCED.
"THE SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTEER
CORPS WAS CONSIDERED AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL ASKED TO UNDERTAKE
A DETAILED STUDY FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS.

WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

"WHILE RECOGNISING THAT THERE WAS INCREASING PARTICIPATION
BY WOMEN IN THE NATIONAL AFFAIRS OF MANY COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES, HEAD
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OF GOVERNMENT EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO FOCUS GREATER ATTENTION ON THE
RIGHTS OF WOMEN TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM
TO PARTICIPATE ON A BASIS OF FULL EQUALITY IN THE POLITICAL,
ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES OF THEIR COUNTRIES.
"AS FAR AS POSSIBLE EXISTING AND FUTURE COMMONWEALTH PROGRAMMES
SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF WOMEN AND
GENUINE EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR FULL PARTICIPATIO
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IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

COMMONWEALTH FOUNDATION

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS
AND PROGRESS OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOUNDATION WHICH THEY REGARDED AS
HAVING AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN STRENGTHENING PROFESSIONAL
COOPERATION THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH AND NOTED THE INCREASED
BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS FOR 1976:79.

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"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT TOOK NOTE OF THE FIFTH REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY-GENERAL

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT PAID WARM TRIBUTE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, MR. ARNOLD SMITH, C.H. FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE COMMONWEALTH OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS AND ELECTED HONROURABLE SHRIDATH RAMPHAL, FOREIGN MINISTER OF GUYANA, TO SUCCEED HIM.

NEXT MEETING

"HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED WITH PLEASURE AN INVITATION BY THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT TO HOLD THEIR NEXT MEETING IN LONDON IN MID 1977 AT THE TIME OF THE CELEBRATIONS OF THE SILVER JUBILEE OF H.M. THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION AS HEAD OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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